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**Title:** *Photomask Assembly and Method for Protecting the Same from Contaminants Generated During a Lithography Process*

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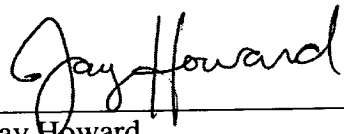
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